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The following guidelines are established to implement Assembly Bill 3603 (Chapter 882, Statutes of 1992), which became effective January 1, 1993, and amend Penal Code Sections 830.5(a)(4) and (a)(5). These new provisions clarify the role of a parole agent in responding to violations of any penal provisions of law which are discovered while performing the usual or authorized duties of their employment and to render mutual aid to any other law enforcement agency. Mutual aid, as specified below, shall be considered mutual assistance and shall not be interpreted as mutual aid as described in Government Code Sections 8597, 8598, and 8617 relating to local emergencies and requiring agreement between law enforcement agencies.

USUAL OR AUTHORIZED DUTIES OF PAROLE AGENTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Typical unit (office) procedures.
- (2) Field supervision/investigation/revocation of parolees and civil addict releasees.
- (3) Employment related court appearances.
- (4) Employment related and authorized training/education exercises.
- (5) Case supervision transportation activities.
- (6) General community collateral contact with persons who are or might be knowledgeable about parolees or civil addict releasees under supervision.
- (7) Assignment to Community Correctional Center Administration, Community Correctional Facility, or Regional Community Correctional Center Program.
- (8) Special assignments or approved mutual aid exercises pursuant to Government Code Sections 8597, 8598, and 8617.

Parole agents are considered to be on duty when conforming to a unit supervisor's approved work week schedule or for parole caseload emergencies as authorized by current procedures.



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MUTUAL AID TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. Penal Code Section 830.5 (a)(5) authorizes parole agents to provide mutual aid (assistance) to other law enforcement personnel under the following conditions:

- (1) The parole agent, while performing his or her usual or authorized duties, reasonably perceives an imminent life threatening situation to other law enforcement personnel.
- (2) Local law enforcement personnel is observed to exhibit a clear and present need for assistance and the parole agent is called on for assistance.
- (3) Parole agents should render assistance which is the least endangering to themselves and third parties as the circumstances and actual conditions warrant.
- (4) Parole agents shall not exceed the reasonable capability of their current resources in rendering aid to other law enforcement personnel.
- (5) Parole agents are prohibited from responding to routine radio traffic unless parolees or civil addicts are involved. If a response is necessary concerning a parolee or civil addict, agents may respond pursuant to current policies and procedures.

Please inform all persons concerned of the contents of this bulletin which shall remain in effect until incorporated into the appropriate sections of the Department Operations Manual.

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